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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DECONTROL OF DOMESTIC PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to decontrol domestic pharmaceutical sector ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the impact of decontrol on the common man ; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide cheap medicine to the common man ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) : Government has recently announced the `Pharmaceutical Policy- 2002`, which lays down the mechanism of price regulation of drugs. The main objectives of this Policy are, interalia, ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices within the country of good quality essential pharmaceuticals of mass consumption and strengthening the indigenous capability for cost effective quality production.